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## LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union within the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, as regards the establishment of the Public Administration Reform Sub-Committee and the endorsement of the establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee between the Committee of the Regions of the European Union and the elected local authorities of the Republic of Moldova

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/...**

**of ...**

**on the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union  
within the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council  
established by the Association Agreement between the European Union  
and the European Atomic Energy Community  
and their Member States, of the one part,  
and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part,  
as regards the establishment of the Public Administration Reform Sub-Committee  
and the endorsement of the establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee  
between the Committee of the Regions of the European Union  
and the elected local authorities of the Republic of Moldova**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part<sup>1</sup> (the ‘Agreement’) entered into force on 1 July 2016.
- (2) The Preamble to the Agreement acknowledges the Parties’ commitment to advancing reforms and approximation processes in the Republic of Moldova, based on common values, including respect for good governance.
- (3) The Agreement sets out the aims of political dialogue, including strengthening respect for good governance, which is central to enhancing the relationship between the Parties.
- (4) Article 4 of the Agreement on cooperation on domestic reform requires the Parties to the Agreement to cooperate in order to ensure that their internal policies are based on common principles, in particular stability and effectiveness of democratic institutions.
- (5) Article 47 of the Agreement focuses on enhancing cooperation in the field of management of public finances ensuring the development of budget policy and sound systems of public internal control and external audit, aligned with the fundamental principles of accountability, transparency, economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 260, 30.8.2014, p. 4, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_internation/2014/492/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2014/492/oj).

- (6) Article 107 of the Agreement requires the Parties to promote mutual understanding and bilateral cooperation in the field of regional policy, including methods of formulation and implementation of regional policies, including multi-level governance and partnership, with special emphasis on the development of disadvantaged areas and territorial cooperation, with the objective of establishing channels of communication and enhancing exchange of information between national, regional and local authorities, socio-economic actors and civil society.
- (7) Article 140 of the Agreement allows the Republic of Moldova to participate in all agencies of the Union open to the participation of the Republic of Moldova in accordance with the relevant provisions establishing those agencies, whereby the Committee of the Regions is a Union advisory body.
- (8) The Agreement empowers the Association Council to take decisions for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.
- (9) Article 439(2) of the Agreement provides that the Association Council may decide to set up any special committee or body in specific areas necessary for the implementation of the Agreement.
- (10) The Association Council is to adopt a decision setting up the Public Administration Reform Sub-Committee and endorsing the establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee between the Committee of the Regions of the European Union and the elected local authorities of the Republic of Moldova.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The position to be adopted on the Union's behalf within the Association Council shall be to support the creation of the Public Administration Reform Sub-Committee and the endorsement of the establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee between the Committee of the Regions of the European Union and the elected local authorities of the Republic of Moldova, and shall be based on the draft decision of the Association Council attached to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Council*

*The President*

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